## Appendix 4 – Point 11 of EPA request for additional information. Notification to Cork County Council

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Katherine Walshe Cork County Council Environmental Department, Cork County Council, Environment Dept, Floor 11, County Hall, Cork

11<sup>th</sup> August 2004

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#### Consultation

This information leaflet is the first step in communicating to the public the requirement to construct a Materials Recovery and Sludge Drying Facility at Foxhole, Youghal, Co. Cork. AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. will have full discussions with many groups and bodies, as we prepare to submit our Waste Management Licence and Planning Applications. Among these will be representatives of Cork County Council, Youghal Town Council, the Environmental Protection Agency, all required statutory bodies, and the local community.

AVR - Environmental Solutions Ltd. was established as a joint venture company between SWS Group, Bandon and AVR - Safeway Ltd., Fermoy.

AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. is subject to the same regulatory requirements as any member of the public in relation to Planning, the Environment and other statutory requirements. In preparing our Waste Management Licence and Planning Applications we shall carefully consider advice from all parties and balance the many competing issues in developing our proposal.

Any member of the public can make comments to:

AVR - Environmental Solutions Ltd. c/o Aoife Foley SWS Natural Resources, Shinagh House, Bandon, Co. Cork

Tel: 023 41271 Fax: 023 41304 Email: aoife.foley@sws.ie

#### What the project will bring to Youghal?

**AVR – Environmental Solutions** Ltd. plans to employ up to 15 persons directly during the operations phase. It is estimated that during the build phase up to 30 construction staff will be employed at various roles and levels. There will also be indirect jobs created and spin-off service opportunities in the local community of Youghal during the build and operations phase.

# Conclusion

AVR - Environmental Solutions Ltd. looks forward to working with the community to achieving it's aim "to provide both private sector companies and the public sector with high quality environmental solutions for their commercial and industrial waste." This will enable AVR -Environmental Solutions Ltd. to provide state of the art environment solutions in the waste management sector utilising Best Available Technology (BAT). We thank you for reading this information leaflet. With your co-operation AVR -Environmental Solutions Ltd. looks forward to the successful implementation of this project.



# AVR – ENVIRONMENTAL **MATERIALS RECOVERY &** AT FOXHOLE, YOUGHAL, CO. CORK

Youghal, Co. Cork. Youghal.

### Why construct a Materials **Recovery & Sludge Drying** Facility?

disposed to landfill.

AVR - ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS Ltd.

SOLUTIONS LTD. PROPOSED **SLUDGE DRYING FACILITY** 

# CONTENTS

This information leaflet has been prepared by AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. to consult with the local community on the proposed Materials Recovery & Sludge Drying Facility at Foxhole, This information leaflet addresses such issues as; the need for the development, scope of work, care of the environment, relationship with the community, possible public concerns, the project construction programme, site selection criteria, the planning permission and licensing process and what the project will bring to

According to a recent report published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Ireland's Environment 2004" waste generation and resource use are at unsustainably high levels and the number of authorised landfills are rapidly decreasing. Significant infrastructure for the collection and recycling of waste will be required into the future to service markets and outlets for the recycling of waste. The proposed development will comply with International, EU, National, Regional and Local Government plans, policies and strategies on sustainable development and waste management. In particular the facility shall meet the existing and proposed Waste Management Plans for Cork County. This will have the benefit of processing materials closer to source, creating employment and investment opportunities. A further benefit of the facility will be the reduction in volumes of waste currently being

Why construct a **Materials Recovery & Sludge Drying Facility?** Reasons for the development.

#### Scope of Work:

General description of the proposed development and a site location map.

### Care of the **Environment:**

AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. policy, our relationship with the community and possible public concerns.

#### Timescale: The project construction programme.

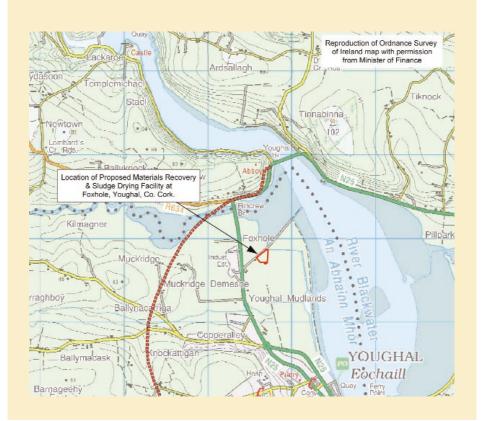
**Site Selection** Criteria.

#### **Consultation:**

The planning permission and licensing process, statutory requirements and contact details for further information.

What the project will bring to Youghal?

**Conclusion.** 



#### Scope of Work

The outline Scope of Work for the proposed AVR - Environmental Solutions Ltd. development is as follows:

- > Apply for a Waste Management Licence from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- > Seek full planning permission from Cork County Council.
- > Design and operate a facility that exceeds the requirements of the Building Regulations to ensure an environmentally sound and efficient workplace.
- > The Materials Recovery Facility will use the latest engineering technology to sort, separate, bulk and bale dry recyclable waste materials such as cardboard, glass, plastic, newspapers, paper, magazines, ferrous and non-ferrous metals mostly from commercial and industrial enterprises, for onward shipment prior to recovery and recycling.
- > The Sludge Drying Facility will treat non-hazardous biological sludge from waste water treatment plants by reducing the water content using state of the art drying technology. This will reduce the volume of the original sludge to about 90% dry solids which achieves a weight reduction of approximately 70%, thus significantly reducing the volume of material currently being landfilled. The proposed drying technology is proven nationally and internationally, a number of similar type facilities are in operation in Ireland already. The dried sludge pellet or granulate that will be produced is inert, stabilised and pasteurised and can be used to produce energy.
- > Finally AVR Environmental Solutions Ltd. shall use the Best Available Technology (BAT) at this facility.

#### **Care of the Environment**

The aim of AVR -**Environmental Solutions Ltd. is** "to provide both private sector companies and the public sector with high quality environmental solutions for their commercial and industrial waste."

**AVR – Environmental Solutions** Ltd. aims to have a positive relationship with the local residents. We will have full, open and proper consultation with the community. All possible public concerns and perceived risks will be minimised both during both the build and operations phase. These include:

- > Visual Impact, the facility will be designed and landscaped to the highest standard in consultation with the planning authority.
- > Traffic, the site is located in the Commercial and Industrial Zone of Youghal at the entrance to the existing landfill. The site is easily accessed from the N25. Due to the recent Youghal bypass the proposed facility will not impact directly on the town of Youghal.
- Atmospheric, aqueous and noise emissions will be managed from the design stage. All emissions will be licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency and will comply with the relevant environmental, health and safety standards.
- > A full Environmental Impact Statement is currently being prepared as part of the planning submission.

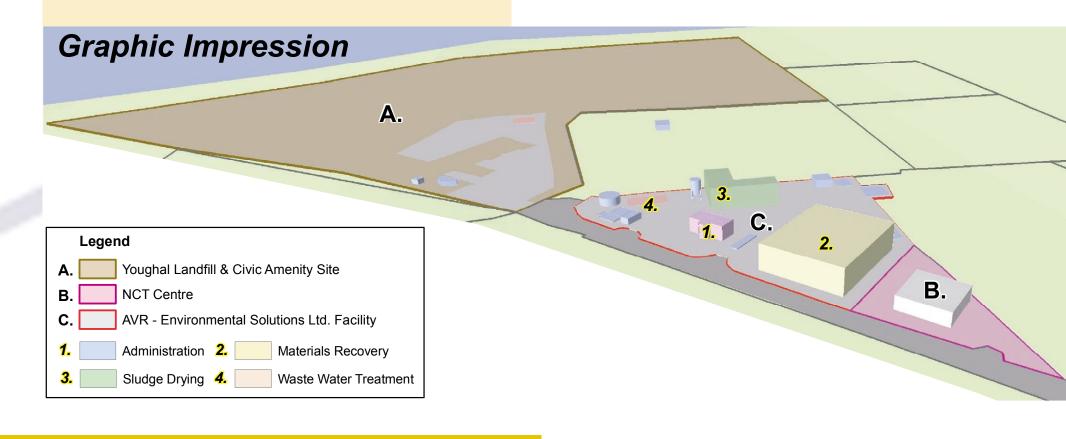
#### Timescale

This project is programmed for completion in 2005, the Waste Management Licence and Planning Permission Applications will be submitted in August 2004.

## Site Selection Criteria

following criteria:

- and essential services.



The site at Foxhole, Youghal, Co. Cork was selected on the basis of the

> Located in a commercial and industrial zoned area, close to Youghal which can supply employees

Strategically located at the entrance to an existing landfill.

> Excellent transportation network, located alongside the N25 national route and E30 Euroroute.

> Servicing the commercial and industrial enterprises in Youghal and the surrounding areas.

**Content of Planning Site Notice:** 

# We, AVR-Environmental Solutions Ltd., intend to apply for

Permission 🔽
Outline Permission
Permission consequent on the grant of outline permission
(Ref. No. of outline permission; )

# For development of a Waste Recovery/Transfer and Sludge Drying Facility at this site in the townland of Foxhole, Youghal, Co. Cork.

The development on 3.54 acres consists of inter-alia;

a waste recovery and transfer building; administration building and carpark; transformer/plant building and standby generator; boiler and woodchip storage building; sludge reception building; sludge drying building; waste water treatment plant including balancing tank; fire water storage tank; storm water retention tank; 1 no. weighbridge; 1 no. wheelwash; oil storage and bund walls; waste quarantine area; dried sludge discharge area; mobile dewatering plant; mobile fire fighting plant; hard standings; all boundary fencing and walls; all associated site works; and ancillaries.

This application for planning permission is subject to an application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a waste licence.

This application for planning permission is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The planning application may be inspected and/or purchased at the offices of the Planning Authority, Model Business Park, Model Farm Rd, Cork, during normal opening hours, i.e. 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. Mondays to Fridays including lunch hour (excluding public holidays).

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, on payment of a fee of  $\leq 20$ .

Signed: <u>Avr - Environmental Solutions Ltd.</u> c/o SWS Natural Resources Ltd. "Shinagh House", Bandon, Co. Cork

Date of erection of Site Notice: <u>17 September 2004</u>

#### Thursday 23.09.2004



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Andre and Caroline Berg are applying for Planning Per-mission for demolition of

Irish Examiner

DARCY (nee Keane) (Thomas Street, Dungarvan, Co Water-ford): On September 22, 2004, BREDA. Deeply mourned by her loving son Ross, mother Breidget, sisters Marian, Pat, Helena, Rose and Caroline, brothers Robert and Raymond, nephews, nieces, grandnephew (Zana, uncle, aunt, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, relatives and friends.

GLEESON (nee McCarthy) (Limerich): On September 22, 2004, at the Regional Hospi-lal, ELEEN, 92 Ballinacurra Gardens. Very deeply regret-ted by her loving daughters Hannah, son-In-Law Ben, niece Greta, brother-in-Law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren, nerat-grandchildr, relatives and many friends. May she reat in peace. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home to Our Lady Of Lourdes Church this (Thurs-day) evening at Spin. Requiem Mass tomorrow (Friday) at 11am, Funeral afterwards to Mount St. Oliver Cemetery. HAYES (Cork and Dublin): On

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HAYES (Cork and Dublin): On September 21, 2064, unexpectedly, at the Cork University Hospital, ANTHONY (Jace of Henry Ford & Son), Clarke's Road, Ballynbetane, belowed husband of Clarce (née O'Riordan) and Iowing father of Sheila, Derirder, Terry and Edward, Deeply mourned by his lowing wife, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, sons-law, daughteris-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and firends. Rest in peace. Reposing at Sullivans Puneral Hong to the Churcyday evening at 7 pun to the Church of the Assumption, Bullyphenane, Requirem Mass to-morrow (Friday) at Liam. Puneral Anexien Liam.

LYONS (Youghal): On Septem-ber 22, 2004, after a long fil-ness bravely borne, WILLIAM (WILLIE), much loved father of William, Brian and Michael. He will be satly missed by his loving.sons, sister Angela, grandchildren, daughters-in-law, nephows, uncos relatives neisobours. suser Angela, grandchildren, daughters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends. RIP. Rosary on this (Thursday) evening at 7,30pm at Egan's Funeral Homen, The Mail, Youghal. Re-moval on tomorrow (Fridav) at 7pm 108 Mary's Parish Church. Requiem Mass on Saurday at 12 noon. Funeral afterwards to North Abbey Cemetery.

MacHALE (Cork): On Sequen-ber 21, 2004, peacefully, at the Cork University Hospital, ETHMA, Bishopstown Avenue. Model Farm Roat, beloved sister of Canon Fubbart, Anthory and the Iate Aldan and Fidelman. Deeply regretted by her broduers, sisters-iniaw, nephews, grand-nephews, grandniecos, reis-tives and friends. Requires Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirth, Dennehys Gross at Lamon today (Thursday). Faneral alterwards to S. Fin-bart's Camelers, Macco. MacHALE (Cork): On Septem

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CONNOR-O-LEARY (May-field): on September 22, 2004, peacefully, ai Marymouth Hospite, in the presence of her family, STEPHANE, Liffey Park, dearb joved wife of Shane and joving dauguter of Stephen and Paricia, loving sister of Mairfead and Stobhan and the late Thomas. Sadly missed by her loving husband, family, uncles, auts, nicces, nephews, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brothurs-inuncles, aunts, meccs, mephress, fatter-in-law, mother-in-law, brothers-in-iaw, relatives and friends. Lying in repose at the Coburg Street Funeral Home of Jerch O'Connor Lid. Removal on this (Thursdar) evening at 6.30pm to the Church of Our Lady Crowned, MayBidl, Requiem Mass on tomorrow (Friday) at 11am. Funeral afterwards to Sk. Catherino's Cemetery, Klicully. House private. private. You'll never walk alone.

Planning Department Cork County Council Model Business Park Model Farm Road Cork

30/09/2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

We attach AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. planning application together with the stipulated fee of €80 as stated in the legislation.

The planning application is a fully completed, comprehensive document and includes an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This planning application is in conjunction with a waste license application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Please find enclosed:

- A cheque made payable to the Cork County Council for the sum of eighty euro,
- 1 Number original hard copy of the application form including all attachments (i.e. original whole page of newspaper showing date and site notice) labelled "original" and a full set of drawings to the appropriate scales in A1 and A3,

- 5 Number copies of the application form including all attachments in • hard copy all of which are labelled "copy" and a full set of drawings to the appropriate scales in A1 and A3,
- 15 Number hardcopies of the EIS, one of which is labelled "original" • and the other 14 are labelled "copy",

This planning application is also accompanied by a Traffic Impact Assessment Report and Landscape Development Proposal Report.

Finally we look forward to meeting you at your convenience to present this application for a waste licence and supply any additional information deemed For inspection purposes only and necessary by the Cork County Council.

Yours sincerely,

Aoife Foley BE MSc MIEL SEng **Business Development Manager** 

#### SWS Natural Resources Ltd



To: **Planning Reference No:**  File 04/7531

Planning Department Cork County Council Model Business Park Model Farm Rd Cork

Date: December 1, 2004

CC: Mr John Ronayne, Senior Plannner Mr Liam Ryan, Town Clerk, Youghal Town Council Ms Karen Vaughey, Environmental Protection Agency

#### RE: **Request for Further Information**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached the items required as part of the Request for Further Information under each the (any other relevant Department heading.

#### Water & Sanitary Services Department

Mr Kevin O'Donoghue (SEE) requested the following in the letter dated 25/11/04 from the Planning Dept. "It appears that the final effluent is to be discharged to the river. Clarification is required in relation to this matter," and "Six copies of a migitudinal section of the proposed surface water drains."

However Mr O'Donoghue also requested the following upon discussion:

- typical loading details at the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant, .
- typical discharge limits from the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant, .
- whether or not AVR Environmental Solutions Ltd. would discharge untreated water into the . discontinued sewer network in the future upon completion of the proposed Youghal Waste Water Treatment Plant,
- confirmation that the leachate and washings were to be treated at the Waste Water Treatment Plant the proposed facility,
- a drawing showing the water mains connection using a 150mm diameter ductile iron pipe teein detail to the existing Youghal Town Council water mains,
- that the longitudinal section of the proposed surface water drains also show invert levels,
- a drawing showing the connection detail to the existing Youghal Town Council combined foul • and surfacewater pipe, which discharges at the existing Youghal Town Council Outfall.

Shinagh House, Bandon, Co.Cork Tel: 023 41271 Facsimile: 023 41304 Email: forestry@sws.ie Web: www.sws.ie

**Registered Office:** Shinagh House, Bandon, Co.Cork. Company Reg. No. 137889. List of directors available at head office

In response to the Request for Further Information and the additional details required note:

- a) Please find attached six number copies of a longitudinal section of the proposed surface water drains as part of Request for Further Information also showing invert levels. I also refer Mr O'Donoghue to Drawing 04409-304 Proposed Underground Services (supplied with planning application package) which shows a plan of the surface water drainage system with invert levels. Drawing 04409-317 Storm Water Retention Tank Details already provided shows the storm water retention tank, interceptor units, monitoring well and invert levels of same.
- b) In relation to discharge to river I refer Mr O'Donoghue to the letter from Youghal Town Council which accompanied the planning application form and the answer to Q22. on the actual completed planning application form submitted as part of the planning application. I reiterate this and state that AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. proposes to discharge into the Youghal Town Council Outfall pipe via the existing Youghal Town Council Sewer. I also refer to Drawing 04409-304 Proposed Underground Services which confirms same. I also confirm that upon completion of the Youghal Waste Water Treatment Plant that AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd. proposes to continue discharging treated process water into the Youghal Town Council Sewer network which shall then be re-treated at the proposed Youghal Waste Water Treatment Plant as Youghal Town Council intend to discontinue the outfall pipe that discharges into the Estuarine area. Again I reference to the letter from Youghal Town Council which accompanied the planning application form, which confirms same.
- c) The current design flow is Q 5.2 m3/hr, BOD 84kg/d and Solids 200kg/d.
- d) The current design discharge limits are BOD 20mg/l and Solids 35mg/l. However note that the discharge limits will be set by the EBA under agreement from Youghal Town Council.
- e) I confirm that AVR Environmental Solutions Ltd. proposes to treat foul water from the Administration Building, the leachate and the washings at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the proposed facility.
- f) Please find attached 6 number copies of a drawing showing the water mains connection using a 150mm diameter ductile iron pipe tee-in detail to the existing Youghal Town Council water mains.
- g) Please find attached 6 number copies of a drawing showing the connection detail to the existing combined foul and stormwater Youghal Town Council Sewer, which discharges to the Youghal Town Council Outfall.

#### Infrastructure Department

Please find attached 6 number drawings with "a 6m wide roadway and a 1.5 m wide footpath should be provided outside along the sites road boundary".

#### **Environment Department**

Unfortunately Mr Louis Duffy, SE was not available to discuss "environmental issues". I did however send correspondence on behalf of AVR – Environmental to Mr Duffy <u>reconfirming</u> the discussion as per our pre-consultation meeting on 21/09/04 at the Planning Dept. and as stated on page 28 (Construction Phase) of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that accompanied the planning and waste licence applications:

- 1. Any spoil excavated from the site will be disposed/recovered at waste permitted or licensed landfill site.
- A Waste Management Plan will be implemented by the Build Contractor during the
   Construction phase and a copy of this will be available for inspection by the Environmental Dept. on site during the construction phase.
- 3. Finally, all Environmental Limits, including noise, discharge, gaseous, etc will be set by the EPA in accordance with the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2004 inclusive and the Waste Management Licensing Regulations, 2004. AVR Environmental Solutions Ltd. will be issued these limits, initially in their draft licence and can issue the Environmental Dept. with a copy of same for their records.

Furthermore I also confirm with Mr Duffy that any environmental limits and conditions set by the EPA (Section 34 (2) (C) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000) will be met by AVR – Environmental Solutions Ltd.

In addition I also confirm that any conditions that Mr Duffy places on the developer during the construction phase in relation to construction noise, construction dust, storage of hydrocarbons by the build contractor, construction hours of operation and construction vibration shall also be adhered to. A number of these items were covered in the EIS that accompanied the planning and waste licence applications.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours sincerely g MIEI Aoife Folev B **Project Manage**